Purchase of Land for Kandla Port

4692. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the remaining land of Kandla Port is deemed to be ownership of the State Government of Gujarat as a •successor under the Reorganisation Act;

(b) whether there is any thing on record that Central Government have purchase a land for Kandla Port; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The subject major port is included in the Union list of the Constitution and the Kandla Port enjoys the status of major port. The land and water front within the notified area of the major port rest with the Union of India. Under the State's Reorganisation Act, 1963, assets meant for the purpose of Union remain with the Central Government.

Modernisation of Major Ports

4693. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all 11 major ports in the country have undertaken a programme of modernisation of equipment covering both addition and replacement and flotilla at a cost of Rs. 860 crores and this amount is much higher than the investment made for the purpose during the last three financial years;

(b) if so, what was the expenditure made for these on each of the major ports during the last three years *vis-a-vis* allocation made during the current financial year; and

(c) the increase of cargo registered during the last three years with projected during the current financial year port wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry has undertaken a programme of modernisation of equipment